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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office consider two references that have been previously submitted in Information Disclosure Statements on November 5, 2003 (document A10) and May 25, 2004 (document A1) respectively. Applicants original submissions of these IDSes fully complied with the IDS requirements. Nonetheless, based on a telephone conversation with the Patent Office Examiner, Applicants have obtained translations of the Abstract/Introduction for the two articles, as highlighted. Full copies of the articles were already submitted with the original IDS submissions. Applicants submit herewith copies of the PTO Forms SB08 that was previously submitted with their Disclosure Statement on 11/5/03 (Document A10) and 5/25/04 (Document A1) with an English language translation of the Abstract/Introduction as highlighted.

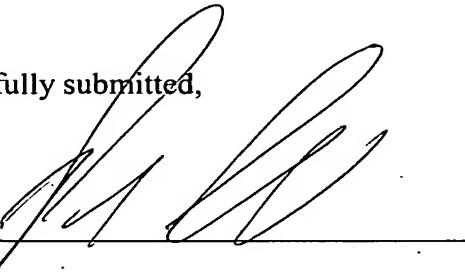


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The Patent and Trademark Office is, therefore, requested to return the initialed SB08 forms to the undersigned as soon as possible.

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